

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1884

## HOME NEWS.

### ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINING FROM SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. EXPRESS.

Going South: 2:35 P. M. and 5:40 P. M.

Going North: 2:25 " and 3:30 A. M.

### AGENTS FOR THE FREE PRESS.

The following persons are duly authorized agents for the Free Press, and are empowered to receive and collect for the same.

County at large—

R. S. FORTSON, County Assessor.

J. C. EVE, County Surveyor.

San Marcos—

BLAND & WETTER.

CHENOWETH & BOX.

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WIMBERLEY & SONS.

CHANDLER & BROS.

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W. M. WYATT.

A. C. HURTER.

M. L. REED.

W. C. CALLE.

DR. J. B. PRICE.

H. C. STORRY.

IF the services of active friends of the paper as volunteer agents will be appreciated. All postmasters are also authorized to act as agents.

### Lunch baskets at GREEN & PRICE.

A turn in the season seems to have come at last, indicating fair weather.

A large line of parlors at less than bankrupt prices.

Saller Lewis's Fine Shoes for Misses and Children, at GREEN & PRICE's.

There is some prospect of a dog tax being levied by our town authorities.

Call and see our line of ladies' and misses' hose.

New Manila Hats at half price, at GREEN & PRICE's.

Ice cold soda water, home-made, at FROMM'S DRUGSTORE.

Corn and chopped feed at HUME & LANCASTER.

Millet Seed at FROMM'S DRUG STORE.

Grain of all kinds, bran and hay at HUME & LANCASTER.

### FANS.

White satin, black satin, feather tip and feather.

Ladies' Misses' and children's linen

Ullsters from \$1.00 to \$4.00 at GREEN & PRICE.

We are still furnishing Kendall's Manual on the Horse to advance paying subscribers. Please remind us if we should overlook it.

Mr. Bills has now got his ice-cream business in full operation, and is turning out a good article. Give him a call.

The local option issue absorbs our space this week to the exclusion of some anticipated local topics.

SINGLE copies of the FREE PRESS may be had at the office, and also at the news stand of Messrs Russell & Ellison, price five cents.

H. Hellman, having bought the Wm. Giesen stock of merchandise, is selling out 20 per cent. below original cost. Come soon while the selection is good.

Corn is in full tassel and silk here, while it is only just peeping above ground throughout most of the Northern States.

The largest line of hose in the city from five cents up a new line of neck wear.

In view of the commencement sermon to be preached at the Methodist church, there will be no service at the Presbyterian church Sunday June 8th.

Kyle has decided not to take any stock in a telegraph line to Blanco, but to use her funds instead in the opening of a road to the latter place.

We have just received a new line of white feathered fan with silk embroidered figures just the thing for you graduates and others.

The walls of the new jail are nearing completion. Our only objection is that it looks to be too near the same size with the old one.

Having bought the Giesen stock of hardware, Groceries, Implements, Crockery, Woodenware etc. I am enabled to offer the same at cost for cash.

For Rent. Dwelling and garden. Apply to J. B. HANKS.

Wood Wanted. Wanted a log or two of cedar wood. Inquire at FREE PRESS Office.

Parties needing extras for the McCormick Binder will please give me numbers thereof at once in order to avoid delay of delivery. I will also furnish twine and wire.

B. Jarnigan and Frank Stevenson were examined before Justice Cook on Monday on a charge of horse stealing. The proof against the former was insufficient, but the latter was held to answer and is in jail.

The School of Telegraphy taught by P. J. Myers, next door to Hoffman's Hotel, affords a desirable opportunity for all who may desire to learn the art. Call on Mr. Myers for particulars.

As we noticed some time since, quoting their own papers and citizens as authority, local option has worked well at Blanco city. Their jail is nearly always empty, and their court expenses almost nominal.

Slippers! Slippers! We again beg to call attention to our splendid assortment of ladies' misses' and children's slippers. Call and be fitted. We are determined to reduce stock by offering them at reduced prices.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

I Am Agent For McCormick self binder, Mowers etc., James wages

Deers plows

Candy sulky plows

Standard cultivators

Bookwalter hay rakes

Whetters Thrashers

and other machinery and farm implements for which I collect orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

WM. GIESSEN.

## The Progress, Fruits and End of the Saloon Business—An Illustration.

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. xiv: 12.

As we stated in an editorial last week, we regard the saloon business as ruinous to the saloon keeper as well as to his patrons, and hence feel that it would be doing even him the best possible service to induce, and even if necessary compel him to abandon it. We know that it is popularly considered a very easy and money-making business, and sometimes is so for a while; yet we hold that, if long pursued, it must result in grief, ruin, and despair to those who engage in it, as well as to their victims.

Right here in San Marcos we have a very striking illustration. Not much over a year ago, a new saloon was opened on our square. Its managers were social, plausible men, having interesting families, and upon the whole making a favorable impression. They were experts in their line, and fitted up their establishment in a more attractive style than had been formerly known here. Their bar was supplied with the choicest liquors, and their saloon with billiard tables and other gaming appliances. It was brilliantly lighted up at night, and became a very popular place of resort, and of course the owners began to "rake in" piles of money. Everything to them, no doubt, looked lovely.

But the natural and (if long continued), inevitable results of the business suddenly cropped out by the murder of one of their customers by one of the proprietors of the saloon—the result of strong drink and a consequent quarrel over the gaming table. Of course there was a sudden collapse of this fair show of prosperity. Two families were plunged into the abyss of grief—the slayer has lain in jail ever since—his partner found but few of their old customers willing to return to the scene of the bloody tragedy, sold out and left the place—and the end is not yet.

Thus the way which seemed to lead to abundant wealth, easily obtained, has come to an end in the ways of disaster, humiliation and death. What thinking, right minded person would wish to follow such a business, or help sustain it?

But this dreadful end has been over-ruled for good—it has roused our people as never before to the results of the saloon business. God grant that it may nerve them to come out on Saturday next and give a final quietus to this hydra-headed monster of evil, in our community!

### A COMMON STORY.

In the streets of a Christian city I saw a house lit up; Where they sit at night in the white gas light, And pass the poison cup.

I saw men there thro' freely down The coin that is children's blood, While the women cry and the babies die At home for want of food.

There the hand of the cunning workman Is palsied in his youth; And the eye is blind'd and the heart is dead.

Till it knows no love nor truth; For they drink of the burning goblet That makes of man a brute; Till the image within is changed by sin, And the voice of God is mute.

O men of this dear Christian land! Fathers with children and wives! What will you say, on the Judgment Day, When Christ shall ask of you: "Where were ye when I called?"

Ye had children, and homes, and money enough, And minds to learn and thin— The gifts God gave, with a soul to save— And ye bartered them all for drink!

### Whiskey's Victims.

The reference in the article of our lady correspondent last week to the ruin of a noted teacher through strong drink, naturally suggested many similar cases in our midst—wrecks of humanity, made so through this cause, some dead and others who still walk among us in a state of "death in life." In not much over a year past our mind recurs to several such victims—an old citizen and merchant; a prominent railroad man; one in the prime of young manhood; a talented lawyer who suicided in our jail; and many others dead or dying from this as the primary cause. Every saloon has its terrible record of this description.

Fellow citizens, shall this trade of death be continued in your midst?

### Cemetery Meeting.

Pursuant to notice published in FREE PRESS of May 23d, an election was held for trustees of the S. M. C. association at the court house on Wednesday last at 5 o'clock P. M.

Present—T. C. Johnson, L. H. Julian, Geo. T. McGee, C. L. McCay, W. O. Hutchison, E. Northcraft, E. P. Reynolds.

The following persons were elected trustees: W. O. Hutchison, W. J. Joyce, G. T. McGee, C. L. McCay, E. Northcraft, E. P. Reynolds.

The board organized by electing W. O. Hutchison, President; E. Northcraft, Treasurer; E. P. Reynolds, Secretary; H. S. Harvey, Sexton.

[In connection with the above, we are pleased to learn that steps are being taken by the new management to expend the funds on hand or due from lot holders, amounting to several hundred dollars, in improving and beautifying the grounds, and to enlist the co-operation of the ladies in the good work.—Ed.]

### County Court.

We find in a special to the Express a report of some of the proceedings last week, which we copy, making several corrections:

State vs. John Wood, gambling, \$25 and cost; State vs. John Mangum, colored, gambling, \$10; State vs. Martin Schubert, obstructing public road, \$25 appealed; State vs. George Gray and Frank Ellison, colored, fornication, not guilty; State vs. The Johns and Son, Thompson, colored, same charge, not guilty; State vs. Russell, disturbing peace, not guilty; State vs. John Hodges, gambling \$25; State vs. J. Van Wie selling liquor to minors, not guilty; State vs. Callen Crews, carrying a pistol, not guilty; State vs. Armstrong Polk, assault and battery, \$5; C. E. Rose vs. Thos. Ford, judgment by agreement for plaintiff; Molina Wagon Co. vs. William Giesen, judgment by default for plaintiff; Telephone Telegraph company vs. G. T. Johnson, judgment for \$50 for defendant and right of way vested in the Telephone Telegraph company; Telephone company vs. John Malone, judgment for \$50 and same; Telephone company vs. F. Schmidt, judgment for \$60 and same; Telephone company vs. Best, judgment for \$57.15 and same; Telephone company vs. Mrs. Ann Aston, judgment for \$67.10 and same as above; State vs. J. Vanwie, bond forfeited and judgment by nisi taken.

WM. GIESSEN.

## TAKE THE SAFE PATH.

BY LEE H. SAKETY.

"Take the safe path, dear father, I'm coming after you,"  
From a dear boy hid from view.  
His father climbed a mountain Precipitous and wild,  
Nor dreamed that in his footsteps  
Dressed close his only child.

His heart stood still a moment,  
Then rose in prayer to God  
To keep his boy from slipping  
In the path his feet had trod.  
And soon upon the summit  
His darling child he pressed,  
With rapture all unspoken  
Unto his throbbing breast.

"Take the safe path, dear father,"  
Said clearly out the pilgrim  
From many a little pilgrim  
Upon life's rugged way.  
They're pressing close behind you,  
O fathers! take good heed;  
Their lives will closely copy  
Your own in word and deed.

"Take the safe path, ye fathers,  
Nor ever dare to slip  
The cup that seems so tempting  
To many a youthful lip.  
Take Christ for your example,  
Then if they follow you,  
Your children's lives will also  
Be noble, grand, and true.

Antonio Vasquez, a Mexican in our jail on a charge of theft over \$20, sued out a habeas corpus which was tried last week before Judge Cook, who refused the application and remanded him to jail.

Any of our friends would do us a special favor by giving us the names of any persons within their knowledge who would be likely to subscribe for the FREE PRESS, so that we may send specimen copies to such persons.

### Notice!

Desiring to spend the summer north I will leave for Cincinnati July 1st. Persons desiring pictures of all kinds will please call at once. Fresh supply of stock just received.

Operator Cincinnati Gallery.

HARRY W. SPEER, son and partner of John W. Speer, an old and leading merchant of Blanco, has bought out the interest of Mr. Lindeman in the Blanco News. This will be apt to put that paper considerably ahead.

Persons who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions, otherwise they need have no fears of its being continued.

Prof. McNEESE, phenologist, will remain at Farmer's Hotel until Saturday, when he will leave for San Antonio. He will attend to any calls in person or through the post office.

ST. NICHOLAS for June is a bright outdoor number, nearly every article taking the reader out into the woods and fields, yet without sacrifice of the variety of subject and interest which is so distinguishing a feature of the magazine.

After all there was not any too much rain, though it might have been better distributed. But as it is it will insure fine crops. It would be a good thing for this country if we had such seasons regularly. Then our mountain districts would produce as well as any other.

"THE GLORIOUS FOURTH."—The Blanco people propose having a fourth of July barbecue. Why should we not celebrate the day also at this place? A good rousing celebration would tend to break up the monotony of the dull season, and could not but prove of positive benefit to our town.

We hope to hear of prompt action being taken in the direction proposed.

It was seven years ago in March since the former local option fight, but it then embraced the entire County. Local option still prevails at Du Pre, Dripping Springs, and we believe, at Wimberley; so that if we carry it now in this precinct, only that in which Kyle is situated will remain exempt from it, and that will be likely ere long to follow suit.

Our farmers we learn during the late wet spell resorted to something rather unusual in this country, we mean pulling weeds. The thing is by no means new elsewhere, and we learn has worked well here. It might be worth continuing to some extent as a regular thing; the "smaller fry" at any rate might be made to do good service in this way.

The Mullation (alias Munchausen) of Kyle is still on the rampage with his lying specials. He sent to the Express the other day a statement that at a meeting at Kyle \$1000 had been subscribed towards a road to Blanco. Now we are assured by one of the best men in the county who was present at the alleged meeting, that it was merely a consultation on part of a few individuals, and that not a cent was subscribed. Our informant, however, said he thought people there would raise probably \$300 or \$400 for the purpose suggested.

The people of Kyle and vicinity owe it to themselves to sit down severely on this unreliable reporter, and the Express would do itself credit by doing the same.

### A Card.

SAN MARCOS, JUNE 1st, 1884.

To My Friends and Patrons:

As it is impossible for me to give this branch of my business the necessary attention owing to the increase of my business at Palestine, I have concluded to dispose of my property at this place. The buildings and real estate will be sold with or without the stock. My stock consisting of Groceries, Stores, Tinware and Hardware, I will close out at such prices for cash as will warrant purchasers in laying in a good supply of any of above lines named.

To those seeking a good investment and paying business in a healthy locality, together with a first class trade of \$50,000 per year established for the past four years, I consider it a rare opportunity and one seldom offered for sale, and would not under any other circumstances except for the reasons above stated. To each and all who so kindly tender me their patronage in the past I tender my sincere thanks, and can only say, should you ever visit Palestine, I will afford the water pleasure to make your stay pleasant and agreeable. Awaiting thankings for all kindness in the past. I am yours very truly,

MARTIN HENKE.

## PERSONAL.

Lawyer R. B. Rose is sojourning at the "sour well" near Lockhart, for his health.

Our young friend W. P. Irion was in town the first of the week.

Rev. Mr. Belvin filled the Methodist pulpit on Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Miss Miller, of Tennessee, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Pendleton of this place.

Jeff Sanders, a typo of the Luling Signal, called on us last week.

Little Belle Souther puts in her claim for ownership of the white rabbits noticed in our last.

J. W. Earnest returned a few days since from his term in Presidio County. He had been absent nearly three months.

Maj. Nance, and Ed. Vaughan of the Kyle News, were in town the fore part of the week.

A. D. Dial has gone to Saltillo, in the interior of Mexico, to take a situation in a drug establishment.

Laurence W. Scott, of St. Louis, a minister and writer of the Christian Church, preached at this place on Sunday.

L. W. Mitchell has contributed 50 cents towards paying the balance due on the Walker Wilson gravestone.

Mr. Miller, of the firm of Miller & Elwell, job printers of San Antonio, made the FREE PRESS a pleasant call on Tuesday.

Jeff Smith has bought Mr. Taylor's interest in the day business and rented the same to Mr. Griffin.

D. R. Goreham returned last week from a trip with horses to Sioux City, in Northern Iowa. He said the people had only just planted corn there.

Jeff Travis & Co. have removed into their new building just beyond Farmer's Hotel. Mr. Goodspeed, from Gonzales will occupy Jeff's old quarters as a place of business.

Prescott's boarding house is improved by the addition of a room constructed mainly of lattice work, which makes a delightfully pleasant summer apartment.

Geo. Henne has sold out his tinware and stove establishment to Theodore Herring, a New Braunfels man of experience in the same business.

Jeff Travis has presented us a mass of beans of a superior variety. They are from six to eight inches long. They are raised on the Travis farm, and Jeff has them for sale at his new stand.

W. J. Minter, we believe, is now interested with Townsend in the meat market, while Charlie Luck continues the right hand man in the actual work of the concern. Charlie is a good one in a meat shop.

We accidentally failed to last week to note the departure of Mrs. Davis and her daughter Miss Belle. They will stop for some time at Kansas City before returning to their home in St. Paul.

Grandmother Harn was here again on Tuesday in the interest of the Bayland Orphan's Home. We regret to learn that her son, Dr. Harn, of the Carrollton House, Austin, continues in poor health.

Rev. Mr. Harris, Prof. Pritchett, Rev. Mr. Gillott, Misses Emily and May Joyce, Willie Caldwell, and perhaps others from San Marcos, attended the commencement exercises of the Georgetown College.

We notice Judge Wood has made a large addition to the dwelling he bought of Dr. Combs on San Antonio street, now occupied, we believe by a sister-in-law of the Judge. We also continue to notice many minor improvements around town.

J. W. Crow of Dripping Springs made us a pleasant call the first of the week. They are to have a Masonic celebration and barbecue the latter part of this month. It will be a pleasant time, and San Marcos will no doubt be represented.

Riding out on San Antonio street the other day we noticed that the old houses belonging Mr. Hanks had been removed, and heard W. T. Jackson and Sam Heard had bought that and the place adjoining David Combs, and intended forthwith building themselves residences thereon.

Miss Amelia Henne, who has been the faithful business assistant of her brother at this place for over a year, just left for her home in New Braunfels on Tuesday. This excellent young lady made many friends during her stay here, whose best wishes will follow her.

Joe T. Townsend who went to Tannahills Mexico from this county, writes us that he sent as some time since a long letter for our columns. It was never received. He also says that he has only received an occasional copy of the FREE PRESS, which we mail him regularly. We would not live in Mexico if it were only account of inability to communicate with the outer world.

Frank Johnson has sold his property on Gaudalup street to Mrs. H. B. Caldwell, who with her brother, Mr. Ferguson, now occupy the premises they are from Minn County. Mr. Johnson has bought the Thrall property, adjoining the new home of G. Johnson. Frank has already improved the house considerably, and will make a nice home there.

Jerry Smith, of this place, who is well known as a reliable gentleman, says, that he kept a saloon some 15 years in Louisiana; that during that time the results were that the county jail was kept full of criminals all the time, and the court house burned, and the county script declined to 40 cts. He at last closed his saloon in obedience to the demands of public sentiment, and had no successor, and that now the county script is worth dollar for dollar and the jail "thinly settled." We give the above as a local straw in favor of local option. Comment is needless.

Rev. Mr. Douglas, Baptist, who is traveling and lecturing in the interest of one of the publications of that denomination, lectured on Tuesday night at the Baptist church to a good audience, in which our people generally were fairly represented. His subject was "The Prosperous Man," as illustrated in the life of the prophet Daniel and was well handled. While out of the common track of sermonizing, it was more effective with a popular audience. The speaker has just enough of the Scotch accent to show his nationality. We cannot undertake to give even a synopsis of the lecture, but must not forget to notice that incidentally he gave very effective aid and comfort to the temperance cause.

Go to Green & Price for fine Slippers, Sandals and Newport Ties. Our line is full and complete in Ladies', Men's, and Children's.

### Coronal Institute—Commencement Exercises.

The commencement exercises of Coronal Institute will begin June 8th and close June 11th. The Primary Department will have their examination and exhibition Friday June 6th in the morning and afternoon. Sunday at 10:30 A. M. the commencement sermon by Rev. M. D. Reynolds of San Antonio. Monday 8 P. M. Prize Readings, Declarations. Tuesday 8 P. M. Essays by Graduating Class. Monday 10:30 A. M. Literary Address by Dr. J. W. Neal of San Antonio. Wednesday 8 P. M. Social Reunion. All friends of education are invited to attend the exercises.

JOHN E. FRIZZETT.

Longview is to establish a manufactory of builders' supplies soon.

MARTIN HENKE.

## Town Council.

Adjourned for want of quorum from Tuesday night, met at the Mayor's office at 8:45 last night, with a full board present. After reading the minutes of previous meeting, the following business was transacted:

Bill of Water Co., regular monthly installment, \$66.66, allowed. Bill of Mr. Watkins, work on the Chestnut ford road, \$59.05 allowed and ordered paid out of the general fund, to be refunded to same from collections made by Street Commissioner.

E. P. Ivey was appointed general street commissioner, and committee on streets and alleys ordered to furnish necessary tools, commissioner to be responsible for same.

Tax levied for fiscal year ending May 1st, 1885, ad valorem 25c on the \$100. Also on occupation tax of one-third of same tax levied by the State.

The total ad valorem tax levied was given at \$1,365.00, occupation tax at \$875.00, water works tax at \$800.00. Total, \$2,940.00.

The following is the substance of resolutions adopted by the board:

1. That street commissioners heretofore appointed be requested to report to the board at next regular meeting, and that their reports shall give the names of hands assigned each, amount and cost of work done, also amount collected and how expended.

2. That tax collector close tax rolls and collect all arrearages due town to date, and proceed to sell property to collect same, as early as practicable.

3. That county surveyor locate the line between Jas. G. Storey and the S. R. McKie estate, and ascertain width of public road to Chestnut's ford, and report. Adjourned.

### List of letters remaining in the Post office at San Marcos, Texas, for the week ending June 1, 1884.

Anson, Maret  
Anglin, Mrs. Kittie  
Bray, N. A.  
Bafford, Jackson  
Barker, Miss Katy  
Bertie, Jess  
Buntin, Miss Adelaide  
Cocke, Lottie Lee  
Cocke, Anella  
Cocke, Franklin (2)  
Hayden, J. B.  
Haberilla, Ylaro  
Johnson, A. H.  
Lilly, W. R.  
Lucy, J. C. (2)  
Lawrence, Miss Willie Verna, Eddy B. Young, Rev. D. F.

(Third-class Matter.)

Persons calling for above Letters will please say advertised giving date.

ALBERT HEATON, P. M.

The fire company meets to-night. They are expecting their hose cart soon.

The ladies' of the Presbyterian church at Kyle netted \$113.52, at the recent social.

### The June Century.

Though there are four profusely illustrated papers in the June Century, and four full-page pictures, this number of the magazine is perhaps even more notable for its literary features than for its pictures.

President Eliot, of Harvard, discusses the question, "What is a Liberal Education?" in which he claims that the sciences and English should be given leading places in the school and also in the college course.

In a paper on "The Use and Abuse of Parties," Dr. Washington Gladden advises independents to try to act with their party in the choice of candidates, and to bolt the greatest security and profit.

An editorial called "Reaping the Whirlwind" is a sequel to the editorial of the April Century entitled "Mob and Magistrate" which so surprisingly anticipated the Cincinnati riot.

In fiction, Robert Grant's story of "An Average Man" is concluded. The short story of the number is a vivacious sketch of character and incident by H. C. Bunner, entitled "The Red Silk Handkerchief."

### A Card.

I have the pleasure to inform my friends and the public, that I have been appointed to represent the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in the State of Texas, one hundred miles north of the coast, except the town of Austin, also in the States of Missouri and Kansas. My business is with the Society and through no other agency.

The Equitable has greater financial strength, does a much larger business, at a lower rate of expense and death loss, and realizes a higher rate of earning on its investments than any other company. It therefore offers those who wish to insure the greatest security and profit.

It is the only Life Insurance Company in the world that gives the assured perfect justice and equity in the contract, and its fulfillment.